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DXpedition News

Clipperton - FO0X Three DXpeditions to Clipperton in two years? The once-exotic atoll is becoming commonplace: Who needs it? For those who do, they'll have another chance Sept. 28, when FO8JP and FO8LV intend to set up FO8AA/FO0X. The Tahitians will join the yearly French Navy visit to the French-owned island when the ship leaves San Francisco Sept. 20. The Navy is providing a landing craft, which will make short work of the famous Clipperton surf. (At least, it will if there is no storm in the Pacific.) The operators will spend about 48 hours on the island, and promise all-band, all-mode operation. Clipperton veteran Jacky Calvo F6GXB (presently living in Japan) is coordinating the trip. No QSL route has been announced. Maybe the Europeans will have better luck with this group. Meanwhile the 1986 FO0XX QSLs are printed and will be mailed soon.

Zaire - 9Q5 Tom Gregory N4NW starts a two-year stint in Zaire Oct. 15. It will take a few weeks to get his household settled and get an appropriate license, but he hopes to be on the air before the end of the year, maybe as 9Q5NW. Tom runs an ICOM 751 into an Alpha amp to a KT34A on a 54' tower. A KLM 40-meter vertical and wires complete the antenna farm.

Tom's duties have him travelling frequently to TT8, TN8, TL8, TR8, 3C, and TY, and he'll get on the air as licensing and official duties permit. Benin TY is probably a no-go (the recent TY9ER operation was no good, for example), but he is hopeful on the other countries.

Look for Tom on 14180 or 21255 kHz, listening up 2-5 kHz, after about 1400Z. He will not work lists, and dislikes being asked to join one. And he doesn't operate in the General portion of the bands. "If you want to work me, upgrade!" Further, he uses a computer duping program to log his DX contacts, and he frowns on "insurance" contacts.

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Shortly Noted

- **East Carolines** - KC6 Dave KX6DS reports that he will be going to KC6 Nov. 23-30, including CQWW CW.
- **Macquarie** - VK0 Sojo VK0SJ says he is on 7249 at 0700Z daily. He has also been worked on 3796 at 11-1300Z. QSLs go to VK7RM again.
- **Ivory Coast** - TU A1 Curley K0CKP is now active as TU4BU. His wife Gale K0CKO expects her TU4 call soon. QSL to Abidjan, Dept. of State, Wash. DC 20520.
- **Wake Island** - KH9 Bob KH9AC operates 75 meters around 3860 kHz, pending his upgrade to Advanced Class. Try 10-1400Z. Bob was Country # 254 on 80 for KA1XN!
- **Ascension Island** - ZD8 ZD8LIK was on 14217 at 2000Z. ZD8SW is Stu G0DFW, who will be there for two years with BBC. Try 14210 around 2100Z. (Tnx DXNS.)
- **Chatham Island** - ZL7 ZL7BKM likes the 14200 kHz region around 0300Z, and has also been worked on 3796 at 1330Z from the West Coast. QSL via ZL2HE.
- **Marshall Island** - KX6 Dave KX6DS frequently appears on 7006 after 0930Z.
- **Hong Kong** - VS6 VS6DT continues to haunt 7002 at 1300Z, calling "CQ USA."
- **Nigeria** - 5N YU3KI/5N0 is back on the air, often on 14010-15 at 21-2300Z, as well as at other times.
- **Easter Island** - CE0 CE0FFD on CW and CE0DFL on SSB are now on from Easter, after a long period without reports.
- **Svalbard** - JW SP5EXA/JW is leaving soon. Catch him on 14025 at 14-1500Z.
- **Korea** - HL Ken HL9CW peaks into the Eastern US around 1200Z, but has been heard as early as 1145, and well past 1300Z. Try 14003. QSL WA2UUH or c/o American Embassy, APO SFO CA 96301.
- **160 Meters** As of Sept. 4, W7AWA had not been worked on 160 from Greenland OX. Before he left for OX, Stan worked a string of JAs on 1908 kHz around 1300Z on August 23.
- **Prefix Hunters** KB6MVY/DW2 shows on 40 CW around 1300Z. QSL W6 bureau.

— Chod Harris VP2ML Editor

PROPAGATION

Forecast and Historical Data

Day Forecast		27 Days Before				54 Days Before			
September		Date	Flux	A	K	Date	Flux	A	K
12	High Nor	8/16	68	05/09	1	7/20	71	04/08	2
13	High Nor	8/17	67	07/09	2	7/21	70	08/11	3
14	High Nor	8/18	67	06/07	1	7/22	71	05/14	3
15	High Nor	8/19	67	12/11	3	7/23	69	08/10	3
16	Low Nor	8/20	69	20/25	4	7/24	69	05/18	2
17	Below Nor	8/21	69	25/41	4	7/25	69	15/25	3
18	Below Nor	8/22	69	34/62	3	7/26	69	20/32	3
19	Below Nor	8/23	68	25/39	4	7/27	69	20/26	2
20	High Nor	8/24	68	14/30	3	7/28	70	11/18	3
21	High Nor	8/25	69	19/31	2	7/29	72	18/24	4
22	Low Nor	8/26	69	13/33	3	7/30	71	18/22	3

Thanks N4XX and KH6BZF

(Forecasts for Sept. 16-22 based on 54 day data.)

Propagation Watch

The 27-day anniversary of the solar storm that clobbered the bands last month is coming around Sept. 16-18. Sunspot regions at this point in the sunspot cycle tend to hang around for several solar revolutions, so watch out for the return of this one! Forecasts suggest high absorption (A-index greater than 40, K-index of 6) with little or no increase in solar flux. In other words, lousy propagation. But don't forget that this same storm might **enhance** propagation just before the onset of the storm. Check the bands on Sept. 14-15 for this possibility.

Meanwhile the bands are yielding some good DX, despite less-than-ideal conditions. Bandpass contains lots of goodies not heard for months. Openings are short, signals are weak, and competition is fierce, but don't think there's nothing to work! And the low bands are coming to life. Good DX!

BANDPASS

Reports Wanted, Especially RTTY, 30 meters

RTTY	14089	2253	27	NH	160 MTRS	1832	0209	26	MA
4Z4AB	14086	2150	27	NH	CP8HD	1838	0419	22	WA
5N9/					CP8HD	1848	0300	22	MI
IK1FOS	14094	2131	1	CA	JA2ILU	1911	1259	26	WA
CE3CEW	14086	2232	1	CA	JA3MNP/4	1909	1306	28	WA
CN8CC	14087	2324	26	NH	KH6CC	1842	0520	22	WA
CN8CC	14090	2150	1	NH	KL7RS	1831	0537	28	WA
CN8EL	14088	2155	1	CA	SM7BIC	1833	0301	26	MA
CN8EL	14095	0049	31	NH	SV0AA	1834	0300	26	MA
CO2BB	14091	0050	1	OH	UT5AB	1834	0248	26	MA
CO2BB	14097	2245	28	NH	VK2RS/3	1832	1332	26	WA
EA8CK	14085	2126	30	NH	VK6HD	1831	1259	29	WA
EA9MY	14092	2127	1	NH	VK9NS	1834	1045	29	MI
EL2G	14081	2158	29	NH	80 MTRS				
EL2X	14080	2205	1	CA	5B4TI	3800	0231	31	NH
GW3CDP	14096	0239	28	NH	7J1ACH	3505	1258	2	MT
HC2LZ	14099	0201	31	NH	9Y/J6LAD	3507	0037	4	MA
HC5KA	14089	1240	30	OH	CU2AT	3786	0235	31	NH
HP1IDP	14095	2129	30	NH	HA1XR	3506	0500	1	AL
HP1IHP	14097	0156	31	CA	HC5EA	3790	0309	5	MA
JC5KA	14086	0023	31	NH	KH9AC	3860	1342	29	CA
KH3AVA !	14092	0235	31	CA	KH9AC	3864	1024	5	MA
KH6IPE	14094	1954	27	CA	KX6OI	3800	1016	4	MA
KL7PG	14090	2252	30	NH	OK1RD	3796	0130	29	MI
LU60AD	14084	2120	1	NH	PZ1DV	3504	0135	3	MA
OD5PL	14094	2113	30	NH	VK0SJ	3796	1315	29	CA
OE6AM	14093	1939	27	CA	VK0SJ	3797	1110	26	MI
OE6AM	14088	1250	30	OH	VK2CWG	3797	1320	3	CA

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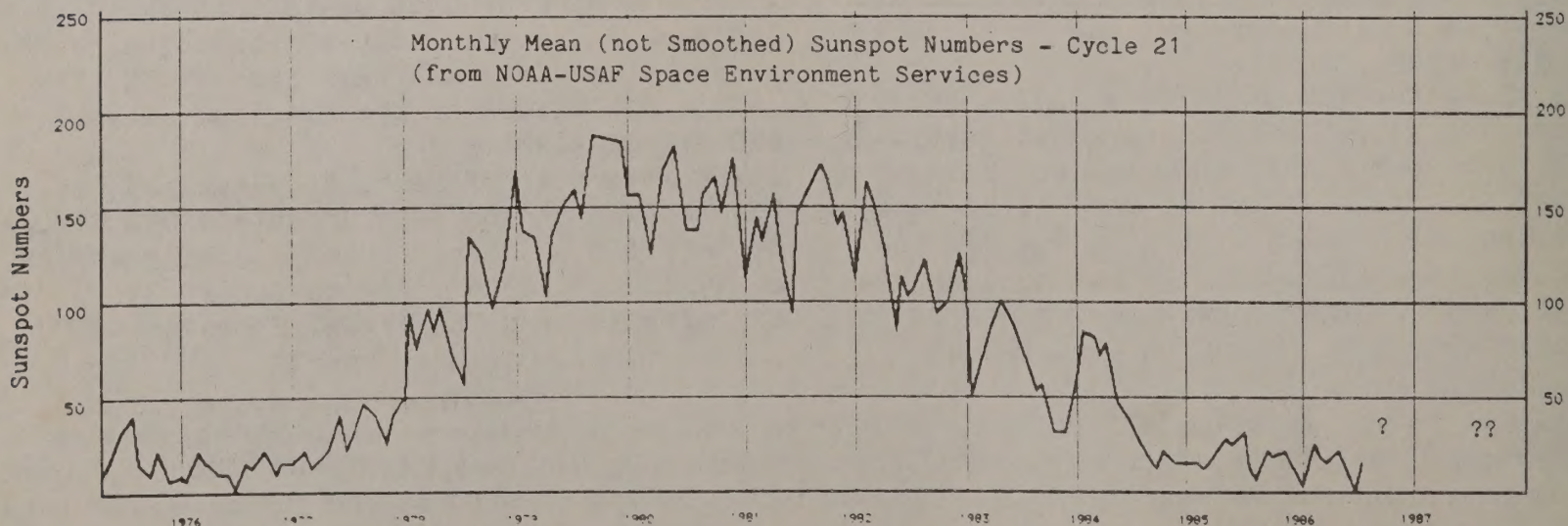
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CALENDAR

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(Changes in **boldface** for easy spotting)

Aland - OH0 OH0AC Sept. 19-29 I349
Andorra - C30 C30AAN Sept 9-18 I348
Antarctica - FT FT8YA Sept. 16 I349
Ascension - ZD8 ZD8SW 14210 at 2100Z I353
Chagos - VQ9 VQ9QM now on. See I352
VQ9GB 20 and 40M I351
Chatham - ZD7 ZD7BKM 14200 2000Z I353
China - BY BY9GA and BY7KT now on
Clipperton-F00 **F08AA/F00X Sept. 28 I353**
Christmas - VK9X VK9XI Sept 23-Oct 20 I352
E. Carolines KC6 by KX6DS Nov 23-30 I353
Easter Is. - CE0 CE0FFD and CE0DFL now on
Faroes - OY OY/DF2PI to mid-Sept I351
Galapagos - HC8 HC8KA Oct. 4-11 I349
Georgia - UF6 Oblast 015 Sept. 13-21
Greenland - OX W7AWA/OX Sept 1-15 I348
Guantanamo KG KG4XO 14028, 14205 2300+
Hong Kong - VS6 VS6DT 7002 at 1300Z
Iraq - YI YI1BGD 14190 1930Z I351
Isle of Man-GD GD3AHD Sept. 3-12 I351
Ivory Coast -TU TU2JJ 14090 1900Z+ I351

TU4BU now on 20 I353
Kampuchea - XU XU1SS 14180 1200Z I351
Kenya - 5Z KC7UU Sept. 14-25 I351
Kermadec - ZL8 For 1 year from Oct. I352
Korea - HL HL9CW 14003 at 1200Z I353
Lebanon - OD Many stations 21-2300Z
Luxembourg - LX by PAS Oct 9-13 I348
Macquarie -VK0 VK0SJ 0300 Sun at 14285
160 Tues. 2000Z I352
3796 at 11-1300Z

HB9's Sept. 6-13 I351
Maldives - 8Q7 8Q7CH for two years I352
Mali - TZ TZ6WC and TZ6MG I351
Marshall - KX6 KX6DS at 7006 after 0930Z
Minami Tori. JD 7J1ACH 14030, 200 1200Z

Mongolia - JT
Nepal - 9N
Nigeria - 5N
Nigeria - 5N
Oblast 003
Oblast 015
Sri Lanka - 4S7
Svalbard - JW

Tanzania - 5H
Tuvalu - T2
Uganda - 5X
Vienna - 4U1VIC
Wake Is. - KH9

Zaire - 9Q5
Zone 2
Zone 23

JT1BG 1600Z F/S 20M I348
9N1MM 14208 0100 Weds
9N1NFO Oct 9-Nov 9 I352
YU3KI/5N0 14010-15 2100Z+
OE5SYM/5N3 until Oct
UZ9OWB/RD Sept. 21-30
RA6AR/UF Sept. 15-21
GM3YOR/4S7 Oct 14-28
SP5EXA/JW 20 CW at 1400Z
JW5E at 14010 2000Z
KC7UU Sept. 26-29 I351
OH1RY Oct. 22-28 I351
KC7UU Oct. 1-6 I351
14025-30 1130-1200Z
KH9AC 14309 0330Z
also on 40. See I352
3860+ at 10-1400Z
9Q5NW from Nov. I353
VO2DX Sept. 12-18 I345
RV0YF 14016 0030Z

Contests

European SSB Sept. 13-14
Cam-Am Sept. 20-21
Scandinavian CW Sept. 20-21
Scandinavian SSB Sept. 27-28
California QSO Party Sept. 27-28

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